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PARIS AND EUROPE:—GALLIEN & FAUCON, 39, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.:—SAYLE & CO., Singapore. C. HEINZ & CO., Manila.

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## Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.  
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per cent. annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, 2,100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—H. DE C. FORBES, Esq.

H. HOPKINS, Esq.

Hon. F. B. JOHNSON, Esq.

M. E. SASSOON, Esq.

A. P. McWHEE, Esq.

A. Molven, Esq.

Wm. REYNOLDS, Esq.

W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Thomas JACKSON, Esq.

Shanghai, Ewen CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS, London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 " "

" 12 " 5 " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

—Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

COMPTON D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £2,200,000.

RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bergère, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOULOGNE, SAN FRANCISCO,

MARSEILLE, BORNEO, HONGKONG,

LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,

NANTES, SHANGHAI, FUCHOW,

MELBOURNE, and SYDNEY.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

Messrs C. J. HAMRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application; grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COCHINARD, Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK DEBLOIS BUSH

is Admitted a PARTNER in our

Firm from this date, and Mr. GEORGE

H. WHEELER is authorized to sign our

Name.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, 1st January, 1882.

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed

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### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. W. KERFOOT HUGHES in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last. The Business will be carried on under the same Style, by Mr. WILLIAM LEGGEE and Mr. EDWARD JONES HUGHES.

### NOTICE.

WE Have been appointed Agents for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokio, at this Port.

### NOTICE.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

### Auctions.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

OF JAPANESE PORCELAINS, BRONZE, LACQUERWARE AND CURIOS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

#### SATURDAY,

the 18th March, 1882, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Pedlar's Wharf,

A VERY HANDSOME AND VALUABLE COLLECTION OF

JAPANESE PORCELAIN, BRONZES, LACQUERWARE, &c., &c.,

comprising:—

SOME VERY RARE & OLD SATSUMA VASES, INCENSE BURNERS, CUPS AND PLATES, &c.

TOKIO, SATSUMA, KUTANI VASES, JARS, &c.

BRASS AND SATSUMA ENAMELLED VASES AND PLATES, BRONZES, CORALS, NICKELIES.

TEA, BREAKFAST AND COFFEE SETS, and ASSORTED COLLECTION OF TEA POTS.

CABINETS, BRONZE INLAID, and SILVER BANDS, WRITING DESKS, TEA CADDIES, COAR CASES, PAPER BOXES, TEA-POTS, COCHINEAL AND SICHOW VASES, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the above on view on Friday next.

TERMS.—As customary.

#### G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

### To Let.

#### TO LET—FURNISHED.

N. O. 4, LOWER MOSQUE TERRACE, END HOUSE. Immediate Possession.

Apply to "A. D. C."

OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

#### TO LET, FURNISHED.

THE well-known BUNGALOW, with GARDEN, &c., on Mount Kailash, the Property of Mr. T. C. Haylar, Q.C. Can be inspected at any time on application to the Watchman.

Apply to

R. G. ALFORD, Surveyor, &c., &c., QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

### TO LET.

OFFICES in No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

"KURAIJIKAN," No. 10, ALBANY ROAD.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

### For Sale.

#### FOR SALE.

THE OWNERS OF KELUNG COLLIERY, FORMOSA, are prepared to SELL COALS of the following Description, viz:—

BEST SCREENED COALS.

CLEAN NUT COALS.

UNSCREENED NUT COALS.

BLAST COALS.

Address: OFFICIAL IN CHARGE, KELUNG COLLIERY.

Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

#### FOR SALE—JUST RECEIVED.

BEST INDIAN SILVER JEWELRY: LERY, of various kinds.

INDIAN CASHMERE SHAWLS.

SMOKING CAPS.

RUMPOOREE CHUDERS; and CASHMERE CLOTH, assorted, for LADIES' DRESSES.

At MODERATE PRICES.

N. M. KHAMISA, 8 and 10, Peel Street.

Hongkong, January 28, 1882.

#### FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, THEREPAIN'S Export PALE ALE, and FINEST DUBLIN STOUT in Pints and Quarts.

Fine OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen.

Also,

SILLERY MOUSSEAU (Veu de CHAMPAGNE), in Cases of 2 dozen. Pils and 1 dozen Quarts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

#### FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, at \$17 per 1 doz. Case.

Pils, at \$18 per 1 doz. Case.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE Annual General MEETING of MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the CITY HALL on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 3.30 p.m.

By Order,

E. GEORGE, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 14, 1882.

### NOTICE.

COLONEL IRE AUSTIN'S NEW AMERICAN RIFLE RANGE,

is now OPEN at the UNITED CLUB, Staunton Street, opposite the Union Church, where Instructions are Free of Charge.

BELL TARGETS!!! FLYING AND STATIONARY TARGETS THAT DISAPPEAR WHEN HIT!!!

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SPORTING RIFLES!!!

Galleries open daily from 4 to 12 p.m., to all respectable Members of the Community.

Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

#### IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—LOW CHUN, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, District No. 21, Jervois Street, having been adjudged BANKRUPT under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, on the 1st day of March, 1882, is hereby required to surrender himself to EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, the Registrar of the said Court, at the First Meeting of Creditors to be held by the said Registrar on the 24th day of March, 1882, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon precisely, at the office of the Registrar of the said Court.

The said EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs STEPHENS and HOLMES are the Solicitors in the Bankruptcy.

A Public Sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his Last Examination and to make application for his Discharge, of which Sitting notice will be given in the Hongkong Government Gazette.

At the First Meeting of Creditors, the Registrar will receive the Proofs of the Debts of the Creditors, and the Creditors who shall have proved their Debts respectively, or the majority in value of the said Creditors, are hereby directed to choose at such Meeting an assignee or assignees of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects to be called the Creditors' assignee or assignees.

Dated this 11th day of March, 1882.

STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors in the Matter.

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### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Annual General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on FRIDAY, the 17th day of March, current, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1881.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 17th Current, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, March 1, 1882.

### THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Eleventh Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 24th March, 1882, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1881.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 18th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

D. M'LAURIN, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, March 10, 1882.

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of Business Contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1881, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. COOKE, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, March 1, 1882.

### WANTED.

COMPETENT SURGEONS for STRAITS and SAILING SHIPS, hence to Victoria, Portland and San Francisco.

For Particulars, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 22, 1882.

### WANTED.

A Managing PARTNER for an Old Established WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANT'S BUSINESS, with ABSTRACT VICES MANUFACTORY and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS combined.

For full Particulars, apply to

"A. B. C."

c/o OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, January 20, 1882.

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### CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, IN LIQUIDATION.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1881.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1881, in order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PROFITS may be continued as may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to APRIL 15th NEXT will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

F. B. JOHNSON, Liquidator.

E. F. ALFORD, Canton Insurance Office, 1881.

Hongkong, March 8, 1882.

### THE "FAR EAST."

THE ISSUES OF 1878 WANTED.

Apply at this Office.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

### "SULPHOLINE LOTION—An External Means of Curing SKIN DISEASES.

There is scarcely any eruption but will yield to "Sulpholine" in a few days, and commences to fade away, even if it seems past cure. Ordinary pimples, redness, blotches, scurf, roughness, vanish as if by magic; whilst old, enduring skin disorders, that have plagued the sufferer for years, however deeply rooted they may be, "Sulpholine" will successfully attack them. It destroys the acrimony which causes these unightly, irritable, painful affections, and always produces a clear, healthy, natural condition of the skin. "Sulpholine" Lotion is sold by most Chemists. Bottles, 2s. 6d.

LIVER COMPLAINTS.—DR. KING'S DANDELION & QUININE LIVER PILLS (without Mercury).

THE BEST REMEDY FOR BILIOUSNESS, STOMACH DERANGEMENT, FLATULENCE, PAINS BETWEEN THE SHOULDERS, BAD APPETITE, INDIGESTION, ACIDITY, HEADACHE, BRUISTURN, and all other symptoms of disordered liver and dyspepsia. Acknowledged by many eminent surgeons to be the safest and mildest pills for every constitution.



## For Sale.

**MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.**  
Have Received For Sale.

**CHRISTMAS STORES AND NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.**

**EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.**  
MUSCATEL RAISINS.  
METZ FRUIT.  
ASSORTED COCAQUES.  
CALLARD & BOWSER'S CONFECTIONERY.  
BUTTER SCOTCH.  
HONEY SCOTCH.  
ROSE TOFFEE.  
LEMON TOFFEE.  
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.  
PLUM PUDDINGS.  
PATRAS CURRANTS.  
VALENCIA RAISINS.  
MACKINNON PEN.  
LIVERMORE PEN.  
LAWN TENNIS BATS.  
LAWN TENNIS BALLS.  
LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

**EX STEAMER "Glenfiddie."**  
STILTON CHEESE.  
YORK HAMS.  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
TESSONHEAD'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
ALMONDS AND RAISINS.  
SMYRNA FIGS.

**PICNIC TONGUES.**  
PILBERTS.  
COCOATINA.  
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.  
LUBIN'S & CO'S COCOA.  
FRENCH PLUMS.

**HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.**  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.  
MINCEMEAT.  
CHOCOLATE-MENIER.  
SAUSAGES.  
BROWN.

**ISIGNY BUTTER.**  
DANISH BUTTER.  
BREAKFAST TONGUES.  
ANCHOVIES.  
ASPARAGUS.  
SOUPS, &c.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

**CHAMPAGNES.**  
HEIDENREICH'S MONOPOL & WHITE SEAL.  
VEUVE CLAUDE PONSARDIN.  
JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

**CLARETS.**  
CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.  
CHATEAU LAURE, " "  
JES. GRAVES, " "  
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

**SHERRIES & PORT.**  
SACCO'S MANZANILLA & AMON-  
TILLADO.  
SACCO'S OLD INVALID PORT  
(1848).  
HUNY'S PORT.

**BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.**  
1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.  
BISQUIT D'ORCHIE & Co.'s BRANDY.  
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.  
KIRBY'S 12 WHISKY.  
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.  
CHARTREUSE.  
MARASCHINO.  
CURACAO.  
ANGOSTURA.  
BARK'S AND ORANGE BITTERS.  
&c., &c., &c.

**BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.**  
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BAKER, pints and quarts.  
PILSENER BEER, in quarts.  
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.  
ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

## EX AMERICAN MAIL.

Fresh ROLL BUTTER.  
Eastern and California CHEESE.  
BONNIE CORNISH.  
PRIME HAM and BACON.  
RUSSIAN CAVIARE.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.  
PICKLED OX-TONGUES.  
Family PICK-POKE in tins and pieces.  
PARSON'S MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.  
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.  
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Petit SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.  
Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted PICKLES.  
MINCEMEAT.  
COMB-HONEY in Original Frames.  
Richardson & Robbins's Celebrated Pickled MEATS.  
Richardson & Robbins's Curried OYSTERS.  
Clam Chowder.  
Smoked SALMON.  
Green TURTLE in 24 lb cans.  
&c., &c., &c.

## YACHT &amp; PICNIC SUPPLIES.

**CALIFORNIA CRACKER COMPANY'S BISCUITS** in 5 lb tins, and loose.  
Alphabetical BISCUITS.  
Fancy Sweet Mixed BISCUITS.  
GINGER CAKES.  
SODA BISCUITS.  
OYSTER BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL.  
HOMINY.  
CORNMEAL.  
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.  
RYE MEAL.

## SPECIAL SELECTED CIGARS.

Fine New Season's GUMSHAW TEA, in 5 and 10 catty boxes.  
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.  
SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.  
RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly executed.  
Hongkong, January 25, 1882.

## Mails.



**MITSUI BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE AND INLAND SEA.

**THE S.S. SUMIDA MARU**, Captain HUBNER, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 17th March, at 4 p.m. Cargo received on board and parcels at the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing. No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

**RATES OF PASSAGE.**

To Kobe, \$90 \$15  
Yokohama & Nagasaki, 75 20  
Shanghai via Yokohama, 120 40  
" " Kobe, 95 30  
A Reduction is made on RETURN CABIN PASSENGERS.

Cargo and Passengers for Nagasaki will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office, Praya Central, Ground Floor of Messrs RUSSELL & Co.

**H. J. H. TRIPP**, Agent.  
Hongkong, March 7, 1882. mr17

**STRAIT FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.**

**BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.**

**N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERIAN, GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.**

**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship RAJA LALU**, Captain C. FRASER, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY on TUESDAY, the 21st March, 1882, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

Silk and Valuable Goods for Europe will be transhipped at Point de Galle, but Tea and General Cargo at Bombay, arriving one week later than by the direct route via Galle.

For further Particulars, regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

**The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.**

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

**A. McIVER, Superintendent.**  
Hongkong, March 8, 1882. mr21

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

**TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.**

**THE S.S. GAELIC** will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 28th March, 1882, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

A Reduction of 25% made on all RETURN PASSAGE OYSTERS ISSUED.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

**CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr.**, Agent.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1882. mr28

## Insurances.

**CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).**

**NOTICE.**

**POLICIES GRANTED** at current rates on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not.

In proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

**J. BRADLEE SMITH**, Secretary.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1881. Gsp23

**THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).  
Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

**THE UNDERSIGNED** having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

**GEO. E. STEVENS & Co.**  
Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

## Insurances.

**THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

CAPITAL, £2,000,000. PAID-UP, £200,000. PAID-UP RESERVE FUND, £300,000.

**THE UNDERSIGNED** having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

**GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.**  
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

**YANGTSE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.**  
CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) £420,000.00. PERMANENT RESERVE FUND £230,000.00. SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £288,936.17.

**Directors.**  
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
W. M. BOYD, Esq., Wm. MEYER, Esq., J. H. PINCKVOSSE, F. D. HITCH, Esq., &c.

**HEAD OFFICES—SHANGHAI.**  
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

**LONDON BRANCH.**  
Messrs BARRING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.  
RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent, 68 and 69, Cornhill.

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12% for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

**RUSSELL & Co., Agents.**  
Hongkong, May 20, 1881. 10c82

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

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Hongkong, March 15, 1882. mr18

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Hongkong, March 15, 1882. mr16

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Hongkong, March 15, 1882. mr22

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## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**

March 14, Asia, Danish steamer, 800, Djorup, Saigon March 9, Rica—SIEMSEN & Co.

March 14, 8 p.m., Metopelia, British steamer, 1452, S. Fowler, Kobe March 8, 371 pgs. Merchandise—Russell & Co.

March 14, Decima, German steamer, 1151, L. Petersen, Saigon March 8, Rica—GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

March 15, Chinkiang, British steamer, from Canton.

March 15, Kumamoto Maru, Japanese steamer, 1240, J. Drummond, Nagasaki March 10, Coal—M. E. M. S. Co.

March 15, Volmer, Danish steamer, 979, Heintzelmann, Saigon March 9, Rico—GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

March 15, Franckia, German barque, 388, S. M. Buck, Batavia Feb. 6, Ballast—SIEMSEN & Co.

**DEPARTURES.**  
Mar. 14, Stentor, for Singapore, &c. 15, Yohung, for Swatow, &c. 15, Hailong, for Swatow, &c. 15, Alby, for Amoy, &c. 15, Merionethshire, for Manila, &c. 15, Ping-on, for Hoihow, &c. 15, Illis, German gunboat, for Hainan.

**CLEARED.**  
Nelson, for Takao, &c. Plainmiller, for Amoy, &c. Ashington, for Bangkok, &c. Chinkiang, for Ningpo and Shanghai.

**PASSENGERS.**  
**DEPARTED.**  
Per Ping-on, for Hoihow, Mr. C. J. Dollman, and 13 Chinese; for Pakhoi, Mr. Davis, and 7 Chinese; for Haiphong, 7 Chinese.

Per Hailong, for Swatow, &c., 1 European, and 60 Chinese.  
Per Alby, for Amoy, &c., 50 Chinese.  
Per Merionethshire, for Manila, &c., 7 Europeans.

Per Stentor, for Singapore, &c., 7 Europeans, and 60 Chinese.  
**TO DEPART.**  
Per Plainmiller, for Amoy, 30 Chinese.  
Per Ashington, for Bangkok, 90 Chinese.  
Per Chinkiang, for Ningpo and Shanghai, 93 Chinese.

**SHIPPING REPORTS.**  
The Japanese steamer Kumamoto Maru reports: Strong Northerly winds and fine weather throughout.  
The Danish steamer Volmer reports: Still monsoon, cloudy and high sea.

**CARGO.**  
Per S. S. Oxfordshire, Hongkong to New York, sailed March 9th—1,888 rolls Matting, 118 pgs. Chinaware, 28 pgs. Silk Piece Goods, 10 bales Waste silk, 25 pgs. Vermilion, 20 pgs. Tea (unknown), and 1,541 pgs. Merchandise.

**POST OFFICE NOTICES.**  
**MAILS will close:—**  
For NINGPO AND SHANGHAI—Per Chinkiang, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 16th inst.

For AMOY—Per Plainmiller, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 16th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW—Per Kwangtung, at 6 p.m., on Thursday, the 16th inst.

For KOBE AND YOKOHAMA—Per Sumida Maru, at 5.30 p.m., on Friday, the 17th inst.

For MANILA—Per Franckia, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 18th inst.

For STRAITS AND CALCUTTA—Per Moray and A. Agar, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 18th inst.

For SAIGON—Per Pavedo, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 19th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—Per Tannadice, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 23rd inst.

**MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.**  
The British Contract Packet Bangalore will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 21st March, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Java, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

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held that the sale of Crown lands represented the capital of the Colony; but, if this were so, it is difficult to conceive how the Secretary of State could have found occasion, two months previously, to remind our worthy Governor that this source of income should be viewed more in the light of capital than in that of regular revenue! These, however, who happen to be acquainted with Sir John Pope Hennessy's wonderful powers of adaptability in the matter of self-interest, will not be at a loss for an explanation.

Salt is an important necessity of life everywhere, but more especially in those countries like China, where it is extensively employed in fish-curing, salt-fish being an important article in the diet of the poorest or lowest stratum of the population. It has been estimated that one-fourth of an ounce per diem, or about 5 lbs. per annum, is more than sufficient to cover individual consumption anywhere in the East, although in coast towns the requirement of each inhabitant runs as high as 6½ and even 8 lbs. In the Anglo-Portuguese Treaty, a provision of no less than 14 lbs. per head of population was made, on a basis, it is said, of a double allowance. The value of the figures here adduced is derived from the fact that they serve to regulate production or export to meet particular demands.

The ubiquitous Chinaman is again to the fore. We learn that even in isolated Mauritius there are no less than 3,698 "Heathens." Celestials, who have apparently quite revolutionized the local markets of that Colony, by monopolizing its entire retail trade!

It may interest the denizens of that permanent abode of natural disturbances—earthquakes and typhoons—Manila, that seismos may yet come to the rescue to avert at least one of these sources of its troubles. It has been suggested that a relation between earthquake shocks and electrical phenomena may be yet discovered, so as to render the possibility of an invention—some species of conductor—capable of averting the calamity from its habitual haunts, probable!

We find that the question of the subject jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Goa, came under the notice of the House of Commons last month. This ecclesiastic, who derives his authority and nomination from the Portuguese Government, and, in fact draws a fixed stipend from that State, exercises control over the Goanese Clergy domiciled all over British India. These priests, although stationed within the dioceses of other Catholic Bishops in that country, are absolutely independent of them. This anomaly extends even to the British Authorities under whose protection they live and exercise the functions of their office, while considering no allegiance or other such obligation to the country. The British Government does not interfere in the matter, and leaves their quiet enjoyment undisturbed.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next *Exposit* Mail, bringing London dates to the 10th February, may be expected to arrive here on Friday, the 17th inst., by the P. & O. str. *Kluia*.

The next *AMERICAN MAIL* may be expected to arrive here on Monday, the 20th inst., by the O. & O. Steamship *Guinea*, which brings Californian dates to the 18th ultimo.

Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co. inform us that the S. S. *Flora*, from London, left Singapore yesterday for this port.

Vice Admiral Willies paid a visit to Commodore von Blanc, on board the *Neosch*, this morning and received the usual salute.

In our paragraph about the tea entertainment at the Temperance Hall, we were led to understand that the tea was gratis. This is not so, as the singing part of the entertainment only is free to all.

The Wizard of the North, Professor Anderson, assisted by Madam Louise Anderson, gives one of his wonderful entertainments in the City Hall Theatre this evening.

The case in which Moller and Powers, seamen of the *Blue Jacket*, are charged with shooting John Williams, steward of the same vessel, in the public house, "The Land We Live In," on the 5th instant, was again remanded for a week, owing to the wounded man being still unable to leave the Hospital.

To-morrow afternoon about five o'clock the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company will launch a paddle steamer, built to the order of Chinese Merchants in Penang, and intended for the trade between Penang and Peang. The steamer is of a composite build, on an iron frame, and is of the type of the American River steamer. Her length over all is 160 feet, breadth 22½ feet, depth 10 ft., and the engines are of 100 horse power. The steam-tug *Fame* will leave Peddar's Wharf at four o'clock for Kowloon Docks.

On Sunday last a new screw steamer, the *Maria*, built by Messrs Blackhead & Co. for Mr Barretto, of Manila, was on a trial trip from the harbour to Macao, with a party of about 30 ladies and gentlemen on board. The trip proved in every way unexceptionably satisfactory, the engines working

well all through, a speed of 11½ knots being attained. Her dimensions are: length 120 feet, breadth 18 feet, depth 10 feet. Her engines, built at the Cosmopolitan Dock by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company under the supervision of Mr Scott, are of 42-horse power, and are capable of working 250-horse power. Her gross tonnage is 254 tons, and net tonnage 180 tons. The whole work has been carried out under the superintendence of Capt. Smith, of Messrs Blackhead & Co. She is to be commanded by Captain Novo, and is intended to be employed in the trade of the Manila Islands.

In the *Gazette* of Saturday is published a report by Mr Ford which is satisfactory. There is no doubt that the planting of trees in Hongkong has done much towards improving the public health, and any report of progress in this direction is to be hailed with satisfaction. A number of plants have been found to be unsuited to the climate, but others have grown wonderfully. The report points out the destruction done to shrubs and trees by woodcutters, and remarks that the principal damage is done in the vicinity of the sea-coast by heat people. A suggestion is made as to the opening up of the Little Hongkong Woods, which if a little cleared would make splendid ground for pic-nics, and the feasibility of a Japanese or Chinese tea garden is also alluded to. The monkey house is in a dilapidated condition, and as the structure is "Of wood ever since it has been erected it has been a constant trouble and expense to keep the animals in the house, as they are continually eating away and pulling down the boards of which the house is constructed." The report of the Superintendent of the Botanic and Arborescent Department is very satisfactory, and in the course of a few years we may hope to see the present rather bare appearance of the island changed considerably for the better.

It will be seen from the following that steps are about to be taken to remedy a nuisance in Singapore, which, as we have previously pointed out, exists largely here:—

The Municipal Commissioners, after due deliberation, have taken up the verandah question in earnest, and have decided to enforce the law in this respect indiscriminately. Notices have been issued to firms and individuals whose verandahs are blocked up or used for storage, to remove the obstructions, and we hear there is no little consternation in certain quarters, and a strong disposition to contest the question, or at least to try and confuse the Commissioners to the five feet clear space which the law empowers them to demand.

## RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending March 12th:—

European.		Chinese.	
Monday,	72	604	
Tuesday,	26	314	
Wednesday,	38	201	
Thursday,	42	307	
Friday,	73	638	
Saturday,	48	452	
Sunday,			Sunday
Total,	269	3,136	
Grand total,	3,435		

## "TUTTI IN MASCHERA."

Pedrotti's chief d'œuvre, "Tutti in Maschera," was heard for the first time in Hongkong last night, and the Company are to be congratulated on their rendering of the score of this charming opera. They were favoured with a full house, and applause was freely bestowed on the performers. Carlo Pedrotti was born in Verona, on the 12th of November, 1817. The first fruits of his studies were represented at the Philharmonic Theatre in the spring of 1840, by the opera "Lina." In the autumn of the same year he was called to direct the Italian Theatre of Amsterdam, where on the 20th February 1841 he produced with great success "La Figlia dell'Artiere," an opera composed upon a libretto of Felice Romani, which Donizetti had already set to music. Returning to his country in the spring of 1845 he became leader of the orchestra of the theatre of Verona, where he remained till the end of 1868, producing at Verona itself and at other cities new works. "Romeo di Montfort" in 1846 at the Philharmonic theatre; "Florina," in 1861 at the New Theatre; "Parrucchiere della Regenza" in 1862 also at the New Theatre; "Geluina" in 1863 at La Scala in Milan; "Guinevere," in 1864, also at La Scala; "Tutti in Maschera," in 1866 at the New Theatre of Verona; "Isabella d'Aragona," in 1861 at the Victor Emmanuel Theatre of Turin; "Guerra in quattro," in 1861 at the Canobbiana di Milan; "Mazzeppa," in 1861 at the Comunale di Bologna; "Marion Delorme," in 1865 at Trieste. In 1868 the Municipality of Turin called Pedrotti to the direction of the Musical Lyceum and of the Theatre Royal, for which in 1870 he wrote "Favorita," upon a libretto of the poet Beranovich. In 1879 he produced at Modena "Olivia la schiava."

The opera under notice gives full opportunity for the display of voice and acting and thence went off very smoothly. Signora Pinelli, who possesses a soprano voice of peculiar flexibility, was in good voice, which was heard to more advantage in the upper than in the lower register. Signora Scini appeared with much better advantage as *Donizetti*, the wife of Dr. Gregorio, than as *Luciana*, in "Il Trovatore," her acting being freer and less stilted than on her first appearance. Her singing was superb, and this lady gave a most successful impersonation of the *Maiden's Wife*, her singing and acting eliciting continued bursts of applause.

Signor Cicoci, whose voice is one of remarkable power and richness, as usual, was at once at home with the audience, and it was much to be regretted that they were not gratified in their clamorous demands for *encores*. In another *aria* he may be able to respond. His "Viva Italia" was remarkably fine. Signor Corti, if not possessing as good a voice as of yore, is the owner of very considerable histrionic abilities, and uses these to the best advantage, evoking the frequent laughter and applause of the audience. Signor Vanzetti, as the *Cavaliere Ennio*, sang and acted well, his voice apparently appearing equally well as a tenor *legger* or tenor *robusto*. Signor Paterno was fully equal to the part of chorus leader. The choruses were better sung than usual, and the entire performance was worthy of the support it received, which we are well assured will be continued.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### SIR JOHN POPE HENNESSY ON EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Sir,—The speech recently delivered by His Excellency the Governor at the Central Schools has been pressing somewhat painfully upon my sensibilities for the last few weeks, and I am afraid I shall find no relief till I disburden myself of one or two reflections suggested by it. I presume that the graceful and elaborate criticism of the past work of the school in which His Excellency indulged was a covert attack upon the wisdom and efficiency of the late Headmaster. If so, the attack was no less clumsy than unavailing, for the nucleus of the reputation were handled into view within a few sentences of the depreciation. To compare the Chinese work of the Central School with the Chinese work of schools in which every minute is occupied in teaching Chinese Classics and nothing else, and to express astonishment that the results are not equal is simply to expect a perfect separate constitution in every separate boy and master, and days of 48 hours if not indeed of Arctic length; and to insist that the English teaching ought to attain the same standard of excellence as in English schools, where the curriculum is unimpaired, is to expect again the same rare and various conditions. I had hoped His Excellency must have been dreaming of the time predicted by the Astronomer Royal for Ireland, "when the day will have been lengthened to 1400 hours by the retreat of the moon, the human physique adapting itself accordingly; and have formed his educational theories in a goal of patriotic sympathy with both sides of the question. Taking days however as they are at present and as they will remain for the next century or two, impartial critics and observers destitute of the prophetic affluents which carries men so far ahead, will probably find that the school has yielded very nearly the maximum result that can be got out of a school under such conditions. The late Headmaster seems to have held the theory, unless His Excellency misrepresents him, that Chinese literature can be taught by foreign methods with a rapidity that will keep the pupils abreast with the pupils in Chinese schools. I am afraid that gentleman has been placed at an unfair disadvantage by the charge which has been heaped upon him. "Teaching Chinese" however is a very ambiguous expression. It may mean either to give the pupils an approximate understanding of Chinese subjects, or to give them that automatic facility which will prepare them for success in the Imperial Examination held in the different cities on the mainland. In the first sense the theory may be practicable, but the result is not one that will satisfy Chinese opinion in its present stage. The Chinese represented by Mr Tong King Sing, who "pointed out" to the Governor the recumbent fact that "the Chinese language is a tonic use," and who, as we have explained, is the English and Chinese teaching of the Central School, would not greatly appreciate the result. They seek a kind of knowledge of the Classics which will enable a man to splash in quotation and elegant essay-writing, not a knowledge that gives him an appreciative understanding of their own literature, and which refines the taste. The standard of Chinese teaching which will satisfy native opinion can probably best be secured by the old native methods. To teach the Chinese Classics by European methods up to the point of intelligent appreciation would be to give him an appreciation of a master who is a "pagan" in Chinese. Possibly it might be done with such rapidity as to offer little impediment to English studies. The theory of the late Headmaster, if such it be, has never had a fair trial, and ought neither to be repudiated or used to banter its advocates. Of one thing I am sure, charges are coming in China which will compel the Chinese Government itself to make some compromise between Western and Chinese subjects as seems to have been the guiding principle of the Central School in the past, and the man who impatiently clutch after a standard of excellence in Western and Chinese subjects will not then be accounted the wise and the far-seeing man of his time. It is not possible to improve very greatly the Chinese teaching, as judged by the Chinese themselves, without making the English teaching suffer; and if the Chinese are not satisfied with either, the best plan would probably be to have a pass examination in Chinese Classics before admitting a boy to the English class of the Central School.

The Governor's theory of teaching English in the Elementary Schools of the Colony, ventilated more than once has a merit. It is a decidedly original. I can't think of any other merit that it possesses. If pupils in the Elementary Schools want English at all, they want it to "pigeon" with only, and would rarely be induced to do anything else. Why not make them learn the English language? I have in my eye an old cook and a very good one too, but his delicate dishes have no "such power" to titillate as his luscious pigeon. He is a perfect whole at the accomplishment. He can spin me up into the third heavens in a twinkling of an eye. Why not make him a teacher of English? I have in my eye a Chinese character that yield up "T. H. K. K. K." and "T. H. K. K. K." with most surprising accuracy. I am afraid, however, my modification of the Governor's scheme stands a little chance of acceptance as the great

original scheme itself, as I will content myself with throwing out a suggestion of the lines upon which the Elementary Schools should be reformed and improved. Why not set some competent Chinese scholar, say Dr. Eitel, who is now relieved from his duties of superintending the various schools and family developments of Government, to translate into Chinese the Chinese Text Books published by Macmillan and have a Normal School presided over by an English master, with a good working knowledge of Chinese, who could drill the native schoolmasters in these Text Books of Elementary Science, and so modify for permanent good the Chinese education of the Elementary Schools. Under such a system of Elementary Science, which would permeate native society as knowledge given through English never can, and a decade or two would give us a society of intelligent native citizens, capable of making their own heads rather than a troop of imbecile, lying "pigeons" a hundred times more foolish and objectionable than the virgin native. Native children grounded in the rudiments of Physiology, Chemistry, Botany, Physical Geography, &c., would make a surprising improvement upon the Native society as a whole, and the Chinese education never be repeated of the Governor of an English Colony coquetting with the empiricism and imposture of Native doctors, and discussing terms for devoting the benefaction of a local resident to teaching a style of medicine that ought to be as punishable as our law courts the tricks of fortune-telling and sorceries of gypsies in our courts at Home.

I will close my letter by telling you a dream. I don't know that the dream has much to do with the subject of education, unless it be this: it shows how we as the people here, as well as the people in the West, are suffering bitterly under the incubus of this latest infidelity, namely, a short time before the fifth watch managed to drop off into a broken and troubled sleep. As I slept a dream unwound itself from my agitated brain and stretched skywards, and I saw a man, such as I like that wonderful panorama of incidents, of words from the brain of Plato's apostle, in Doris's notorious picture. I saw all sorts of winged creatures tugging away like transfigured ants at sundry burdens that had been carefully wrapped in Hongkong maling. They had got up by some Jacob's ladder, and were hanging by their heels, and I saw many constellations of the upper mantle having been on the travel for more than four years, the lower ranks only just starting. Each posse had some separate burden. After a time I mustered courage to ask what it was all about, and a voice said in reply, "It is Governor Hennessy's Colonial administration. We are taking it up in sections. It's a heavy lot, but it will be worth the trouble. The Infinite Wisdom itself will get a wrinkle or two from its abyssal wondrousness. When we get the upper machinery put together after the fashion of these Hongkong models, Heaven itself will be a sweeter thing than we have yet known it." The effort to ask a further question must have aroused me, for I awoke, and lo, it was a dream.

## AN AMATEUR EDUCATOR.

### Police Intelligence.

(Before Frederick Stewart, Esq.)

Wednesday, March 15.

**LARCENY.**  
Lun Fui Tsai, hawker, was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour for stealing a fish from a fishmonger in Yau-nah-Hi yesterday night. He averred that he went out to look for his uncle after dark, the fishmonger passed him, and he saw the fish, and he took it. He was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment with hard labour for stealing a fish from a fishmonger in Yau-nah-Hi yesterday night. He averred that he went out to look for his uncle after dark, the fishmonger passed him, and he saw the fish, and he took it. He was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment with hard labour for stealing a fish from a fishmonger in Yau-nah-Hi yesterday night. He averred that he went out to look for his uncle after dark, the fishmonger passed him, and he saw the fish, and he took it. He was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment with hard labour for stealing a fish from a fishmonger in Yau-nah-Hi yesterday night. 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The *China Review*, or *Notes and Queries on the Far East*, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid, per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavour to be made to present a resume in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (how references being given, when furnished), to previous *Notes or Queries*, as are also those queries which through asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the *Queries* proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The *China Review* for July and August, 1876, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty-page, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are saying about China. The *China Review* is a continuation of *Notes and Queries on China and Japan*, the continuation of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom is present a large number of Chinese scholars who are not only conversant with the Chinese language, but who are also conversant with the literature of the Chinese people.

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## Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a Visitors' Column, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

## List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (8,000 volumes) and Museum, Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Pedder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's throw.

Lan-tiao Club and Library, Shelley St.

Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

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Union Church, Elgin Street.

St. Peter's Seminary Church, West Point.

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Sailors' Home, West Point.

E. E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zedland Street.

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2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Day, 25 cts.

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3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kau Boat of 300 piculs, per Day, 1.50 cts.

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## Sampans.

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Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

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INSURANCES:							
Nich. China Ins.	1,000	2,000	2,000	238,600	251,004.91	75	TL 117.75 sh.
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Union Ins. Soc.	500	2,500	500	381,787	437,688.58	144.25	\$1900
China Traders' Insurance.	600	\$1665.60	500	475,000	51,928.49	20	\$1600
C'lon Ins. Office	10,000	10,000	250	60			\$85 per share
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H.K. & W'ho's Dock	10,000	125	125	110,000	3,180.53	4	*55
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H'kong Hotel.	2,000	100	100				\$12
China Sugar Co.	6,000	100	100				\$170
H'kong Ice Co.	1,250	100	100	6,250	1,880.51	10	\$120
H'kong Bakery	600	50	50		160.31	5	\$55
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Chi. Imp., 1874	6,270	100	all	8 %	June 30 Dec 31		
" 1877	10,040	100	all	8 %	Feb. 28 Apr. 31		
" 1881	8,665	100	all	8 %	June & Dec.		3 % prem.
Sugar Debentures, 1880.	600	\$300,000	all	8 %	June & Dec.		3 % prem.

\* For half-year ended 31st Dec., 1881. † To 30th April, 1881. ‡ For year 1880. § For half-year ended 30th June, 1881. ¶ For year 1881.

EDWARD GEORGE, Share Broker.

## Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised January 1st, 1892.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

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Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Chili, Venezuela, the Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, Hawaii, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries in the Union are the Australian Group, and S. Africa.

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Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, the Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Galle, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 5.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5.

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